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**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Schlecht

CASE: 2010929

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
MISSING PARTS**

SERIAL NO.: 09/923,635

FILED ON: August 7, 2001

FOR: DEVICE FOR THE FIXATION OF DIMENSIONALLY STABLE
SUITCASES

ATTENTION OF:
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Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 04-1030.

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted, mailed September 13, 2001. The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application states that the Oath or Declaration is unsigned. In response, Applicants submit herewith a Declaration signed by the named inventors in the above identified patent application.

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The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application further states that a missing parts surcharge of \$130.00, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e), is due. Accordingly, enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$130.00.

Applicant additionally submits the return copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submit that all requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application should be deemed met.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 726-4000 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

LAW OFFICES OF DICK AND HARRIS

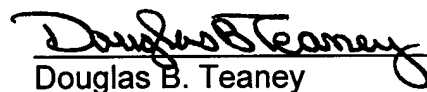
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.8, on the date indicated below as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Box Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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